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## ROOSEVELT ATTACKS WILSON FOR USE OF "WEASEL" WORDS

### FRENCH TRENCHES LEVELLED BY CROWN PRINCE'S CANNON NORTHWEST OF THE FORTRESS

**Paris Admits Loss, But Claims That a German Force Which Rushed Further Southward Was Annihilated in Desperate Fighting.**

PARIS, May 31.—French troops were compelled to evacuate a first line trench south of Caurettes wood and to retire south of Cumieres village in the direction of the Chattancourt station, under most violent German attacks, the War Office announced to-day. By a counter-attack last night the French regained the lost ground south of Cumieres.

After two days of especially severe bombardment the Germans launched infantry attacks repeatedly in great forces over a considerable section. The French resisted stubbornly and, the official statement says, repulsed the Germans everywhere except near Caurettes wood. The trench which was evacuated had been levelled by the German shell fire.

Under cover of a fog detachments of German troops made their way to the vicinity of Chattancourt, where they were annihilated by the French fire. East of the Meuse there were intermittent artillery encounters.

The hundredth day of the world's great battle found the Crown Prince rushing into action fresh legions amid the roar of hundreds of great guns west of the Meuse.

**CROWN PRINCE HAS 1,250,000 MEN AT VERDUN.**

The new forces which have been hurried to Verdun are estimated at from 250,000 to 400,000 men. Military observers believe that by the end of the week the Crown Prince will have a total force of from 1,000,000 to 1,250,000 available for making the final assaults upon the fortress. The Kaiser himself is reported to be returning to the Verdun front to witness the great clash.

There are widespread rumors that a large Austrian force is en route to the western front, either to take over a portion of the German front or to participate directly in the fighting at Verdun.

From Swiss sources came the report that the aged Emperor Franz Josef asked that Austrian troops be allowed to share in the grand assault on the French fortress. In some quarters it is believed the Austrian offensive against the Italians was delivered to conceal the shifting of large Austrian forces to the western front.

**REINFORCEMENTS BROUGHT FROM OTHER BATTLE FRONTS.**

The Russian and British fronts have been denuded of men for the grand assault; German troops have been withdrawn almost in whole from Serbia, Macedonia and Turkey, and between 60,000 and 120,000 Austrians are said to have actually joined the army at Verdun or are on their way.

For the last seventy-two hours military trains have been unloading fresh divisions from the Russian front before Verdun. It was one of these new divisions which was hurled into action northwest of Verdun in Monday night's fighting, suffering terrible losses.

The new German offensive, initiated Sunday, is the final supreme assault.

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**NEW YORK TO ALBANY VIA VALLEY RAILROAD.**  
Leave New York 8:00 P. M.; arrive Albany 9:21 P. M.; Newark 9:38 P. M.; Buffalo 10:15 P. M.; Utica 11:00 P. M.; Schenectady 11:45 P. M.; Albany 12:00 P. M. This is in addition to regular service on the Albany and Schenectady lines. Tickets for the Albany and Schenectady lines are on sale at 50c per day and night. Travelers' checks and money orders for sale. Telephone 6000—4215.

### FANATIC ATTACKS VANDERBILT HOME, SEEKING OIL KING

Hurled Bricks and Said He Had Knife for John D. Rockefeller.

**HIT THE WRONG HOUSE.**

Former Inmate of Insane Asylum Causes Excitement on Fifth Avenue.

A maniac who was released from the State Hospital for the Insane at Poughkeepsie on July 5, 1915, shattered with bricks several windows of the home of William K. Vanderbilt, Sr., at No. 690 Fifth Avenue this morning in the belief that it was the residence of John D. Rockefeller. The man, who said he was Saedee R. Fowdres of No. 261 New Main Street, Yonkers, said he had been waiting in front of the house all night for a friend to bring a revolver with which he was to shoot Mr. Rockefeller. He appeared, but when daylight came and the friend did not appear, he decided to use a stiletto he carried.

The man was examined at Police Headquarters by Dr. Bisch, psychologist of the Department. Dr. Bisch said he was a dangerous type of criminal, who would have undoubtedly made good his threats if he had had the opportunity.

It was at first believed the man was one of an assassination plot, but his rambling denunciation of Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, Gen. Wood and Theodore Roosevelt as friends of the rich, and a statement that Morgan had promised him three million dollars, disclosed his mental condition. He said Gen. Wood had taken one of six children to Washington and Rockefeller had ruined the sculptors of the country.

In a communication to Magistrate Koenig in Yorkville Court, Dr. Bisch recommended that the man be committed for observation. He admitted he had been confined in Poughkeepsie from December, 1914, to July, 1915, but why he was released could not be learned. Magistrate Koenig decided to hold him until District Attorney Swann could be consulted.

For some time before the man began his bombardment of the windows, Patrolman Lavendar saw him standing in front of the Vanderbilt home. He carried a small leather bag. Lavendar was walking slowly down Fifty-second Street toward Madison Avenue when he heard the crash of glass. He turned and saw the man take two bricks from the bag and hurl them through the front windows on the lower floor.

After throwing the bricks Fowdres stood watching the house. Two servants ran out and Mr. Vanderbilt appeared at an upper window as Lavendar arrived. Scores of people running toward the house were shouting a bomb had been thrown and Lavendar came quickly on the man from behind and threw him to the ground.

"What is the trouble?" Mr. Vanderbilt asked, and then he beckoned Lavendar to bring the prisoner into the house. He was taken into a reception hall facing the street, where the bricks had broken an expensive mirror and several articles of furniture. Mr. Vanderbilt questioned the man, but he suddenly refused to give any information.

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### MAYOR TO PRESS CRIMINAL CHARGE AGAINST PRIESTS

Denies That He Has Called Off Prosecution—Silent About His Plans.

**CONFERS ON ACTION.**

Full Information to Be Placed Before District Attorney in "Wire Tap" Disclosures.

Back in town to-day from Ashokan, where he was the guest of J. Waldo Smith, Chief Engineer of the Board of Water Supply, since Saturday, Mayor Mitchell to-day emphatically denied reports that he has changed his mind in the matter of prosecuting Mgr. John J. Dunn, Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese; Rev. William B. Farrell, rector of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Brooklyn, and Dr. Daniel C. Potter and former Secretary Hebbard of the State Charities Board. The Mayor's denial came after he had had a long conference with Corporation Counsel Lamar Hardy, Charities Commissioner John A. Kingsbury and Martin J. Littleton, attorney for the Charities Commissioner in the indictment found against him by the Kings County Grand Jury.

"Is there any truth in the report that you intend turning aside from the prosecution of the two priests and others who figured in the wire-tapping disclosures?" the Mayor was asked.

"Turning aside from what?" asked the Mayor in astonishment. "Why, certainly not."

"Have you decided upon any action for to-day?" the Mayor was then asked.

"No action has been decided upon for to-day," he replied, "and no action will be taken until the Thompson Committee has concluded its work in connection with the wire-tapping."

The Mayor's original intention in planning for the prosecutions of the clergymen and the two others was to apply through Deputy Commissioner William J. Doherty for summonses from Magistrate Murphy. The Mayor was asked to-day if any change had been made in this plan.

"I am as determined as ever to present the cases to the proper authorities," said the Mayor, "and this will be done at the proper time, not before."

"Will you move through a Magistrate's Court?" the Mayor was asked. "Just what is to be done will all come out in time," he replied.

"Will the District Attorney be asked to act?"

### MISS DOROTHY PERKINS WILL MARRY PLAYMATE OF CHILDHOOD DAYS



Daughter of Financier Engaged to Marry Edward W. Freeman, It Is Announced.

A romance dating from childhood culminated in the announcement to-day of the engagement of Miss Dorothy Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Perkins, to Edward W. Freeman, son of Mrs. Blanche Wheelock Freeman of Locust Lodge, Riverdale. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins made the announcement from their country place, Glyndor, Riverdale. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Perkins made her debut four years ago, and has since given much time to civic and social betterment. She is interested in politics and will attend the Chicago conventions next week with her father.

Miss Perkins is an only daughter. Her brother, George W. Perkins Jr., will be graduated from Princeton next year. Next Saturday Miss Perkins will take part in the Riverside Spring Festival, of which she was one of the organizers. She was an active worker for the building fund of the Young Women's Christian Association, and last winter she presided at a meeting of 2,000 girls in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church to discuss the rights of girls. She is prominent in the younger set. The Perkins city home is at No. 76 Park Avenue.

### GERARD IS SENDING IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Attache Osborne Who Bears It Reaches the Hague on His Way to Washington.

THE HAGUE, May 30 (via London, May 31).—Attache Osborne of the American Embassy at Berlin passed through here to-day on his way to Washington. It is presumed that he is carrying important diplomatic messages from Ambassador Gerard.

### BRITISH LOSSES IN MAY, HEAVIEST OF SPRING

30,237 Officers and Men Killed and Wounded Exceed Those in Two Previous Months.

LONDON, May 31.—British casualties in May were much heavier than in either of the two preceding months. The total from all fields of operation, as compiled from published lists, is 13,747 officers and 24,490 men. The total in March, including officers and men, was 24,424, and in April 20,511.

### WILL T. R. BOLT? PERKINS REFUSES TO ANSWER QUERY

Progressive Leader Dodges as He Starts for Chicago to Attend Convention.

**BRAKES ON HITCHCOCK.**

Most Members of New York's Delegation Recognize Situation as Uncertain.

Leaders of the Progressive party to-day declined to answer whether they would support the nominee of the Republican convention if Col. Roosevelt were turned down. The Colonel himself has evaded direct statement on this point. Just before George W. Perkins, Chairman of the Progressive Executive Committee, boarded the Twentieth Century Limited to-day he said:

"My first choice is Roosevelt; my second choice is Roosevelt, and it is in that spirit I go to Chicago."

"If the Republicans do not nominate Col. Roosevelt will you and the Progressives support whoever is nominated?" he was asked.

"I am for Roosevelt," was the response.

State Chairman Tanner of the regular Republicans spent his last day in town at the telephone answering long distance calls from many parts of the country. Middle State leaders who have been leaning toward Hughes were puzzled by the announcement of Frank Hitchcock in Chicago professing to speak for Justice Hughes.

From both Gov. Whitman and Chairman Tanner, Eastern leaders of the Hughes forces, word was sent broadcast not to do anything nor decide on anything until they got to Chicago Saturday, when there will be a conference.

Hitchcock, practically, was repudiated in the messages sent west, and it is understood that brakes will be put on his activities and pretensions of authority. Justice Hughes is not to say anything, but some of his friends will.

George von Lengerke Meyer, leader of the Republican Roosevelt forces, having issued a series of questions regarding the Hughes boom to State Chairman Tanner, the latter replied to-day as follows:

"Mr. Meyer is not seeking for light on the subject. If he were he knows me well enough to confer with me directly instead of putting oratorical questions to newspaper reporters."

Asked as to the outcome of the Chicago Convention, Mr. Tanner replied: "There is nothing to it but Hughes."

While political leaders of all stripes publicly proclaim the certainty of their particular candidate's success, there is frank confession in private that no man can safely predict the outcome of the Chicago convention. It has been impossible even to obtain an accurate poll of the New York State delegation. Many delegates decline to commit themselves, saying they prefer to await the results of conferences in Chicago with men from other parts of the country.

### "UNIVERSAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE" IN ARMY, GIVES THE COLONEL HIS CHANCE

**Assails President for Proposing "Acid Test" for Business Men by Forcing Them to Get Others to Do Their Fighting for Them.**

### TALKS AMERICANISM, DEFINES "HYPHENATION"

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who came here to-day to talk Americanism and dissect the hyphenated citizen, took occasion to attack President Wilson for his use of "weasel" words. The Colonel opened his batteries on the President in a speech delivered at a breakfast in the Planters Hotel, at which 800 people were present. He opened by taking issue with Mr. Wilson's ideas on preparedness.

"The trouble with us in America," Mr. Roosevelt said, "is our tendency to use lofty words to veil our meaning. I wish to take issue with Mr. Wilson's expressions in his Memorial Day address. The President says he is for 'universal voluntary service.' That is equivalent to a truant law that would make every boy and girl attend school provided they didn't wish to stay away."

### SHED COLLAPSES ON 50 WORKERS; THREE MAY DIE

Crash on American Sugar Dock in Long Island City Injures Score.

A section of a partly completed sheetiron shed over the dock of the American Sugar Refining Company at the foot of Pidgeon Street, Long Island City, collapsed at 10 o'clock to-day on a crowd of fifty longshoremen and employees of the sugar company who were unloading a ship. Three of the victims of the accident were probably fatally injured and twenty suffered minor hurts.

It was feared at first that many had been killed as the heavy cross beams supporting the roof had dropped 20 feet. Four ambulance calls were sent in, but the surgeons found that only four of those who had been buried under the debris required treatment at St. John's Hospital. They are:

John Neuhaus, sugar sampler, No. 487 Fairview Avenue, Ridgewood; internal injuries.

Frederick Meyer, sugar sampler, No. 31 Powers Street, Brooklyn; back broken.

Stephen Cordorney, longshoreman, No. 108 Clay Street, Greenpoint; skull fractured.

Paul Fieber, sugar sampler, East Ninety-third Street, Brooklyn; scalp torn; will recover.

Work on the shed, which was designed to cover the entire dock, was suspended recently because of shortage of material. The completed portion was held together by bolts and nuts and was supposed to be secure.

"I like the word 'universal,' but 'voluntary' is a weasel word. It sucks out the life of the other."

"Mr. Wilson said the acid test was about to be applied to the business men of the nation to see if they will allow their employees to volunteer for training. I am against that. It cannot be patriotism that asks one man to have others prepare to do his fighting."

"Divided patriotism is as impossible as hyphenated citizens. I appeal to you to prepare yourselves. Get out of the rut of the copperhead pacifist."

"We have had a great deal of rhetoric. But the American people ought to be more careful about words. We should remember it is our duty to use no word unless willing to translate our love of that principle into action."

"I wish to correct the statement—I mean misstatement—that has been made that this preparedness movement has been instigated by ammunition manufacturers."

"That is false. The men most concerned are patriots and Americans, not money seekers."

Roosevelt also assailed Wilson for that part of his yesterday's speech referring to "weak and small nations" having equal rights, holding application of such a principle should have impelled the United States to intervene when Belgium was overrun.

"You can't take the position we are for the rights of the weak and small nations and then, when the concrete fact arises, say it is our duty to be neutral in word and thought. You can't take both positions. We cannot walk in two diverging positions at the same time—we must be neutral or we must stick to the doctrine that weak and small nations have an equal right with the large and strong."

"It should be just as unalterably opposed to an English-American alliance as I am against the German-American alliance. Whatever defense I may have for my attitude, you can't accuse me of pussy-footing."

"Just as Washington, Lee and Greene were against every foe, so we must be. When I was President I was a friend to every foreign nation. But when it became necessary to as-